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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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Application No.: 09/866,956

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Art Unit: 2623

For: BROWSER FOR USE IN NAVIGATING A
BODY OF INFORMATION, WITH
PARTICULAR APPLICATION TO
BROWSING INFORMATION
REPRESENTED BY AUDIOVISUAL DATA

Examiner: H. V. Tran

INTERVIEW AGENDA

Examiner Tran,

In reference to the pending Office Action, mailed November 3, 2006, and to the granted request for an in-person interview to be held at your convenience at the United States Patent Office at 1pm. on January 23, 2007, applicants respectfully submit the following agenda for your consideration.

AGENDA FOR INTERVIEW

1. A discussion of the differences between the claimed invention and the Wactlar reference. Points to be discussed:

A. Informal description of the claimed invention.

B. The Wactlar reference.

2. A discussion of independent claims 65 and 67. Applicant proposes additional amendments to the independent claims to further clarify the subject matter for which applicants seek protection. For example, applicant proposes to amend claim 67 to recite:

67. (Currently Amended) A system for acquiring, and enabling the quick review of, news items ~~reviewing a body of information, wherein the body of information includes a~~

~~plurality of segments, each segment representing a defined set of information in the body of information, the system comprising:~~

~~means for acquiring in real time, or in near real time, data representing the news items, wherein the data includes data representing a first news item~~~~body of information;~~

~~first display means for generating in real time, or in near real time, a display of thea first news item~~~~segment of the body of information as the data representing the first news item~~~~segment is acquired by the means for acquiring;~~

~~means for comparing the data representing the first news item~~~~a segment of the body of information to data representing a second news item~~~~different segment of the body of information to determine whether, according to one or more predetermined criteria, the compared news items~~~~segments are related; and~~

~~second display means for generating a display of a portion of, or a representation of, thea second news item~~~~segment of the body of information, wherein;~~

~~the second display means displays the portion or representation of the second news item~~~~segment in response to the display by the first display means of thea first news item~~~~segment to which the second news item~~~~segment is related; and~~

~~the display of the first and second news items is substantially concurrent.~~

Support for the amendments may be found, e.g., in the specification at p. 5 ("the invention enables acquisition, and subsequent review, of news stories", "[t]he invention enables some or all of a body of information to be skimmed quickly"), at p. 8 ("[t]he invention also enables the real-time display of some or all of a body of information"), and at p. 9 ("[t]he second display mechanism can display a portion or representation of the second segment substantially coextensive in time with the display of the related first segment by the first display mechanism."). Applicant respectfully submits that the proposed amended claim is patentable over Wactlar and the other applied reference. For example, proposed amended claim 67 recites acquiring in real time data representing news items (such as news stories), displaying in real time a first news item, and displaying substantially concurrently a related second news item. Wactlar does not disclose or suggest these elements. The other applied reference similarly lacks such disclosures or suggestions.

3. Some elements that distinguish the dependent claims from Wactlar and the other cited reference.
4. Any other considerations.

CONCLUSION

Applicants thank the Examiner for granting the applicant's request for an interview and for consideration of the above agenda. Should additional information be required, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative.

Dated: 1/19/07

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